Thermal Power Station at Gard Hills, Meghalaya

552. SHRI ONWARD L. NONGTDU: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the demand of Government of Meghalaya to set up a Thermal Power Station by the Centre at Garo Hills;

(b) if so, whether Government have decided to set up such a project in Meghalaya and by when;

(c) whether Government are aware of the proposal of Government of Meghalaya to set up a Myntdu Hydro Electric Project; and

(d) if so, when will the Government of India provide the fund necessary for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Proposal of North Eastern Council (NEC) for setting up Garo Hills Thermal Power Project Phase-I (2×30 MW) in Meghalaya was accorded techno-economic clearance in August, 1980 and approval of these Planning Commission accorded in January, 1981. However, the project was not taken up for execution. Meghalaya State Electricity Board's Revised Cost Estimate submitted in 1986 was not approved due to high cost of installation and generation. Thereafter a revised proposal from NEC for installation of (3×10 MW) fluidised bed technology was submitted in October, 1989 which was also not given techno-economic clearance for the same region viz the high project cost. Since then there has been no proposal for setting up the Garo Hills Thermal Project either from the NEC or from Meghalaya State Electricity Board;

(c) Yes, Sir. The Detailed Project Report for Myntdu Hydro Electric Project (3×18 MW) has been submitted by the Meghalaya SEB in July, 1997 for techno-economic appraisal to the Central Electricity Authority.

(d) The funds for the above mentioned project are to be arranged by the State Government.

कच्छ और बनासकांठा जिलों में निजी क्षेत्र की विद्युत कम्पनियां

553. **श्री चीमनभाई हरीभाई शुक्ल:** क्या विद्युत मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) निजी श्रेत्र की किन-किन कम्पनियों ने गुजरात के कच्छ और बनासकांठा जिलों में विद्युत परियोजनाएं स्थापित करने के प्रस्तावों को केन्द्रीय विद्युत प्राधिकरण को स्वीकृति हेतु प्रेषित किया है;

(ख) क्या इन प्रस्तावों को स्वीकृति प्रदान कर दी गयी है, यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है;

(ग) प्रस्तावों की वर्तमान स्थिति क्या है और इनकी लागत तथा अधिष्ठापित विद्युत उत्पादन क्षमता का ब्यौरा क्या है;

(घ) इन प्रस्तावों को स्वीकृति देने में किये जा रहे विलम्ब के क्या कारण हैं; और

(ङ) इन पिछड़े तथा उपेक्षित जिलों में स्थानीय लोगों को रोजगार के सही अवसर उपलब्ध कराने हेतु इन निजी कम्पनियों को दिये गए निर्देशों का ब्यौरा क्या है?

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री तथा विद्युत मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री योगेन्द्र कुमार भगतराम अलघ): (क) गुजरात के कच्छ एवं बनासकांठा जिलों में विद्युत परियोजनाएं अधिष्ठापित करने के लिए केन्द्रीय विद्युत प्राधिकरण के अनुमोदन हेतु कोई प्रस्ताव प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है।

(ख) से (ङ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Approval by REC for Electrification in Bihar

554. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise number of villages in Bihar in respect of which electrification

projects have been given approval by the Rural Electrification Corporation during the years 1993-94 to 1995-96;

(b) the amount per annum provided for them;

(c) the actual number of villages where electrification has been completed during the above period against the target thereof;

(d) the criteria fixes for the electrification in rural areas for declaring a village as electrified villages; and

(e) the district-wise details of number and names of villages in Bihar which have been declared as electrified villages and those villages where actual supply of electricity has not been made for a period of more than last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCEINCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) and (b) The year-wise number of projects approved and loan sanctioned by Rural Electrification Corporation and the number of villages covered during the peirod 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 are given as under:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	No. of projects approved	No. of villages covered	Loan amount sanctioned
1993-94	19	1190	1807
1994-95	—	—	—
1995-96	—	—	—

(c) The number of villages where electrification work have been completed during the period 1993-94 to 1995-96 alongwith the target thereof is given below:

Year	Annual Plan target (No. of villages under REC Financed Schemes)	Achievement of villages under REC Schemes
1993-94	225	190
1994-95	150	55
1995-96	400	42

(d) As per the existing definition, a village is deemed to be electrified if one service connection is provided within the revenue boundary.

(e) the information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Electricity generation in the Country

555. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total electricity generated in the country by the existing power projects in comparison with the demand by the public;

(b) the power projects proposed to be undertaken to meet the gaps, if any;

(c) whether electricity is also lost in transmission through old apparatus etc.;

(d) if so, the steps taken to provide continues supply of electricity in the country particularly in Bihar; and

(e) the funds likely to be allocated for this most important sector alongwith the arrangements for the sources, raw materials and foreign investment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCEINCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) The details of All India energy requirement and availability during April—June, 1997 are as follows: